## DISTRICT BUDGET SETS NEW MARK

Needs of District for Next Year Placed at Total of \$16,961,092.66.

INCREASED SALARIES ASKED

Liberal Awards for Schools and Parks Urged-\$25,000 to Fight Paralysis.

(Continued from First Page.) nd file of the District service, and a w new employments. Additional erks to relieve the rush of business the tax board are sought.

Underground Wires Urged. underground trolley, electric vire, and telephone system for Georgla avenue from Florida avenue to ock Creek Church road is advocated by the Commissioners. They ask for legislation that will give them power to force the public utility corpora-tions interested to make the desired changes and penalize them for failure

An annual license on automobiles, instead of a personal property tax, is recommended. This suggestion was made but not heeded a year ago.

There are renewed recommendations for a municipal hospital, a municipal garbage plant, and wharfage and market improvements.

market improvements. The librarian and employes of the Free Public Library are recommended for salary increases, in line with pre-vious efforts to obtain increased pay this service.

## Interchange of Teachers.

A new suggestion is that not more than twenty teachers of the public school system of the District of Co lumbia may be exchanged for an equal number of teachers from some other school system for a period not exceeding one year. This proposed experimental interchange of teachers is to be subject to the approval of the superintendent of schools and the Commissioners. Commissioners. The Commissioners estimate liber-

ady for school buildings and grounds, the total amount requested being \$1,056,000.

Several new positions are proposed in the traffic branch of the Police Department. It is recommended that a police captain be named and assigned to the traffic squad. For Anacostia Fints.

One of the larger items in the estimates is \$300,000 to continue the reclamation of the Anacostia flats.

Liberal salary increases for various principals in the public schools sys-tem are recommended and published in detail below. The Commissioners again urge the enactment of legislation requiring a statement of "true consideration" in all deeds filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, with a provise that all deeds of trust secured by real es-

shall likewise have true con It is proposed that hereafter the Recorder of Deeds shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District, and the Register of Wills shall be appointed by the judges of the Supreme Court of the District. The Recorder of Deeds is now appointed by the President and the Register of Wills by the court.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

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ommended for the secretary to the

he general administration offices are as follows:

Increase veterinary surgeon, \$300; purchasing officer, \$300; three clerks \$100 each and four clerks \$180 each in the purchasing division; deputy purchasing officer, a new position proposed, \$2,200; an increase of \$300 for the principal assistant inspector of buildings, and \$200 for four assistant inspectors; civil engineer, \$300; messenger, \$120; increase of \$250 for the inspector of plumbing; a \$60 increase for assistant chief watchman of the District Building, with recommendation that three additional building cleaners at \$240 each, be authorized; vauit clerk, new position, \$900.

TAX BOARD. The Commissioners seek to relieve sonditions of overwork in the tax board office by asking an appropriation for the employment of three-intangible personal property clerks a \$1.500 each and four inspectors of intangible personal property at \$1,200 each, these appropriations to be im mediately available. It is also proposed to create a new

position of "superintendent of licenses" who shall also be secretary to the ses who shall also be secretary to the automobile board at a salary of \$2,400 for the two positions. The Commis-sioners further recommend: "That all authorities, duties, discre-tion and powers now vested by law in the assessor of the District of Colum-

bia with respect to licenses and the Issuance thereof, shall, on and after July 1, 1917, be transferred to and vest in the superintendent of licen-An increase of \$200 is sought in the transportation fund of the excise

OTHER SALARY INCREASES. A salary increase of \$250 is recommended for the deputy collector of taxes and a \$200 increase for a clerk in the collector's office. Other salary increases proposed are: Chief clerk. increases proposed are: Chief clerk.

Auditor's office, \$250; one clerk, same
office, \$64; assistant corporation counsel, a new position, \$2,500; first assistant corporation counsel, increase
of \$500; stenographer, corporation
counsel's office, \$200.

Coroner, increase of \$200; morgue
master, \$120; assistant morgue master and hostler, \$120 each; assistant
market master, \$180; assistant market
master at fish wharf, \$180; laborer.
same wharf, \$240.

New Positions.

Inspector, office of superintendent of weights, measures, and markets, \$300; clerk, \$300; clerk and stenographer, new position, \$900; two addi

rapher, new position, \$900; two additional laborers at \$600 each.

Increase for engineer of highways, \$300; engineer of bridges, \$250; superintendent of suburban roads, \$400; superintendent of sewers, \$300; assistant inspector of asphalts, \$120; assistant superintendent of trees and parkings, \$150; assistant engineer, \$200; two assistant engineer, \$200; two assistant engineers, \$150 each; five rodmen, \$120 each; four chainmen, \$130 each; assistant engineer and change of title from draftsmen, \$150; inspector, \$180, and another, \$200; four foremen, \$100 each; three foremen, \$150 each; chief clerk, engineer Commissioner's office, \$250; one additional clerk, \$1,350; increase three clerks, \$150 each; two clerks, \$120 foremen, \$150 each; chief clerk, encineer Commissioner's office, \$250; one idditional clerk, \$1,350; increase three lerks, \$150 each; two clerks, \$120 ach and three laboratory assistants, \$15 for one, and \$120 each for two. An increase of \$400 is submitted for he municipal architect; \$100 for the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia included within the subdivision known as he municipal architect; \$100 for the said control of the District of Columbia under the conditions therein named, and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the conditions therein named, and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the conditions therein named, and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that portion of the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for that prepare a new highway plan for the District of Columbia under the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a new highway plan for the said Commissioners are he

\$200 for boss grader, and a \$1.800 appropriation is asked for purchase and maintenance of a motor truck for the municipal architect's office.

A total appropriation of \$59,000 is submitted for the public utilities commission, this being an increase of \$15,000 over last year.

An increase of \$180 each for two clerks; \$100 for a chief inspector; \$100 for the foreman of repairs and an additional clerk at \$1,000, are proposed in the estimates for the street cleaning division, a decrease of one in the personnel of the board of examiners, steam engineers, is recommended. In the surveyor's office an increase of \$200 is submitted for one computer, and there is an increase of \$425 in the estimates for temporary services. An appropriation of \$2,000, a new item, is asked for making surveys "to permanently mark on the ground streets is accordance with the permanent system of highways planned." The Commissioners again make the recommendation that two special inspectors at \$1,200 each be authorized to enforce the child labor law. instead of detailing two privates from the police department to this work.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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ed are:
Librarian, \$1,500, making the salary \$5,000; assistant librarian, \$500; chief circulation department, \$300; assistant in charge of school work, \$200; chief order and accessions division, a new position, \$1,200; reference librarian, \$200 increase; chief industrial division, and director of library training class, two new positions, \$1,200; cach; assistant in charge of binding, new position, \$1,000; one additional assistant, \$840, and one additional at \$720.

Catalogue Chief.

The employment of a chief of the catalogue division at \$1,500, a shelf

catalogue division at \$1,500, a shelf lister at \$840, a stenographer and typewriter at \$900, one additional attendant at \$720, and one shelf curator and head page at \$900, are other new library positions recommended by the Commissioners.

There is also proposed an increase of \$2,000 in the allowance for substitutes and special services, \$6,500 increase in the fund for books, periodicals, and newspapers, and \$500 increase in the appropriation for binding.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES. The Commissioners submit an ir rease of \$3,100 in the general printing and contingent fund of the District government and a new item of \$6,000 for printing all annual and special reports of the government of the District of Columbia.

A total of \$20,960 is asked for the purchase, exchange, and maintenance of motor vehicles for the District government.

A \$400 increase for the contingent expenses of the morgue, establishment of a cold storage plant at the morgue to cost \$1,500, and a motor vehicle for the morgue, \$900, are recommended.

ommended.

For general advertising, required by law the Commissioners ask \$6,000 instead of \$5,400 A new item of \$5,400 for purchase and exchange of bound-book recording typewriters and desks is submitted, and there is an increase of \$150 in the estimates for purchase of motor and other tags.

AUTOMOBILE TAX. The Commissioners renew their re ommendation of a year ago that the personal property tax on automobiles be abandoned and that instead all au-tomobiles shall be required to take out an annual license. This is in ac-cordance with the original recommen-dation of Ben L. Prince, the collector of taxes. It is proposed that the Com-missioners fix the annual license tax and that the change shall become ef-fective on and after January 1, 1918.

MARKETS. An appropriation of \$7,400 is asked for repainting and repair work at the Eastern, Western, and Farmers' produce markets. An increase of \$300 is asked in the general markets maintenance fund.

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Refrigerating Plant.

The sum of \$3,000 is estimated for maintenance, operation, and repairs to refrigerating plant, \$500 for lighting the new municipal fish wharf, and \$1,200 for two automobile trucks for the inspectors of weights and measures, with an additional \$720 for personnel and an extension of service

the inspectors of weights and measures, with an additional \$720 for maintenance and repairs.

The construction of a new wharf at a cost of \$53,000 is recommended. This wharf is to be located on land belonging to the United States lying south of Water street and between M and N streets southwest.

STREETS AND AVENUES. The larger appropriations for treets and avenues total as follows: Assessment and permit work, \$220 000: work on streets and avenues, a per schadules submitted, \$223,800; con per schadules submitted, \$223,800; construction of suburban roads, \$429,700; repairs streets, avenues and alleys, including resurfacing, \$315,000; repairs to suburban roads, \$175,000; repair of sidewalks and curbs around public reservations and buildings, \$25,000; construction and repair of bridges, \$27,000 (a decrease of \$18,000).

The Commissioners submit additional estimates for the repaving and improvement of various streets and mprovement of various streets and oadways, this schedule being as fol-

Repave with asphalt the granite block roadway of Fourteenth street southwest from B street to D street. See feet wide...

Repave with asphalt the granite block roadway of K street northwest from Washington Circle to Twenty-sixth street, 40 feet wide...

Repave with asphalt the granite block roadway of K street northwest from Twenty-sixth street to Rock Creek, 40 feet wide...

Repave with asphalt the road-way of Thirteenth street northwest from E street to F street, 60 feet wide, and the use of this width or less on other portions of this street is authorized for use hereafter in connection with its improvement....

Repave with asphalt the roadway of D street northwest from Twelfth sireet to Thirteenth street, 40 feet wide.

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atreet to Thirteenth street, 40 feet wide
Repave with asphalt the roadway of Twentieth street northwest from I street to K street. 22 feet wide....
Repave with asphalt the roadway of Wisconsin avenue northwest from M street to P street, present width 47 feet and 25 feet.
Repave the roadway of Louisiana avenue northwest from Tenth street to Penosylvania avenue, present width 79 feet and 45 feet...
Repave with granite hlock on a concrete base the roadway of K street northwest from Rock Creek to Thirtieth street, to a width of 54 feet, and this width or less is hereby authorized to be Used on other portions of this street, and Water street if connection wift their improvement.

tend, or widen any street, avenue, road, or highway laid down on said plan, and in the interest of economy where buildings project beyond the highway lines shown on said plans, and it is practicable to move such buildings back to such highway lines, the said Commissioners are authorized to designate such buildings in the petition of condemnation as buildings to be moved, and when so designated the condemnation jury shall allow in its verdict for damages to such buildings no greater amount than may be necessary to move such buildings; and the Commissioners are further authorized to include in said highways any land owned by the District of Columbia that they shall deem necessary. The cost of said condemnation proceedings and all expenses incident thereto, including the cost of surveys and of the preparation of plats, shall be paid from the appropriation herein made for the extension of streets and avenues."

Condemnation Rider.

Condemnation Rider. A legislative rider broadening the scope of condemnation proceedings in the District of Columbia is requested

by the Commissioners as follows: "That hereafter in all proceedings for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of alleys and minor streets and for the establishment of building lines in the District of Columbia the jury of condemnation shall not be restricted as to the assessment area, but shall assess the entire amount awarded as damages plus the costs and expenses of the proceedings as benefits upon any and all lots, parts of lots, pieces or parcels of land which they may find will be benefited by the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of the alley or minor street, or by the establishment of the building line as they may find said lots, parts of lots, pieces or parcels of land will be benefited."

A new bridge to cost \$65,000, a por-"That hereafter in all proceeding

of land will be benefited."

A new bridge to cost \$65,000, a portion of which cost shall be borne by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is proposed over the tracks of the Washington branch of that railroad in the line of South Dakota avenue. SEWERS. Estimates for sewers include \$205, 000 for suburban sewer work, \$125,000 for assessment and permits work \$107,000 for main and pipe sewers, and | 150 \$107,000 for main and pipe sewers, and receiving basins, \$46,500 for operation and maintenance of sewage pumping system, \$85,000 for continuing work on the upper Potomac interceptor. The Commissioners further submit an estimate of \$40,000 for sewage treatment works and the purchase of necessary land for these works to be located on the Potomac river, between the Home for the Aged and Infirm and the United States naval magazine.

STREETS Representing an increase of \$20 000 the estimates for dust prevention cleaning, and snow removal on the

cleaning, and snow removal on the streets, call for an outlay of \$330,000. For disposal of city refuge the sum of \$186,640 is asked.

The city heads once more attempt to persuade Congress to appropriate for a garbage disposal plant, at a total cost not to exceed \$600,000. Of this amount \$200,000 is requested for the next fiscal year and it is recommended that the garbage plant be located on land belonging to the District in the subdivision known as Blue Plains. For the contingent expenses of the For the contingent expenses of parking commission an appropriation of \$60,000 is sought, this being an in-crease of \$5,000. crease of \$5,000.

An additional watchman at the bathing beach and a salary increase of \$120 for the one now employed, are recommended. The sum of \$1,500 is sought for repairs to the bathing beach are recommended.

PLAYGROUNDS For maintenance, equipment and supplies for playgrounds the sum of for

\$20,500 is recomm,nded, this being an increase of \$2,500. Four additional

\$200 increase for one electrical inspector; an increase of \$1,076 for replacing police patrol signal systems in the Third and Tenth precincts and a \$20,000 increase for the electrical lighting of the city, the total of this latter appropriation being \$425,000. An increase of \$4,000 is sought in the fund for installation of fire alarm boxes; \$5,200 for additional lead-covered cables, and \$7,500 for the construction of a brick or concrete storehouse for storing the supplies of the District's Electrical Department. Legislation that would require the street railway companies to install an underground trolley system on Georgia avenue extended and would also require the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to install underground wires is proposed in the following language?

Text of Proposal

"That the Washington Railway and Repave with asphalt the roadway of Wisconsin avenue northwest from M street to P street, present width of feet and \$\frac{5}{2}\$ feet and Electric Company and the Brightwood Railway Company are hereby directed

"That the Potomac Electric Power Company is hereby directed and required to remove all of the poles and overhead wires owned and used by it on Water street, between Sixth and Fourteenth streets northwest, and on

new plan shall be not less than forty feet.

"That upon the approval of said new highway plan for said subdivision of Barry Farm, the said Commissioners are authorized to open, extend, or widen any street, avenue, road, or highway laid down on said plans, and in the interest of economy where buildings project beyond the highway lines shown on said plans, and it is practicable to move such buildings back to such highway lines, the said Commissioners are authorized to designate such buildings in the petition of condemnation as buildings to be moved, and when so designate thereto, and public spaces adjacent thereto, and to install suitable and sufficient underground conduits, conductors, and appliances in lieu thereof. The removal of said poles and wires of by underground constructions shall be upon plans to be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and shall be completed within one year after the date of approval of this act: Provided, That if said company shall fail or neglect to complete such underground construction within one year after the approval of this act, said company shall forfeit and pay to the District of Columbia the sum of \$100 for each day of such failure or neglect."

PUBLIC SCHGOLS.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Salary and personnel changes in the public schools system are estimated for as follows:

An increase of \$500 for one and

An increase of \$500 for one and \$1,000 for the other, in the salaries of two assistant superintendents; one additional clerk at \$1,200 and two additional at \$1,000 at school headquarters; four new attendance officers at \$800 each, and an increase of two attendance officers of the \$500 class.

Authorization for fifty-six additional teachers, making the total number of teachers 1,802.

It is proposed that the principal of Central High School shall be placed on a basic salary of \$5,000, and he be entitled to an increase of \$100 per annum for five years, provided "that for the next fiscal year the principal shall receive the salary in his class next above his present salary."

Principals' Salaries.

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It is further recommended that the principals of the Normal High and Manual Training high schools, other than the Central High, shall be placed on basic salaries of \$2,500 a year, with the same provise as to graduated in-crease and rating for the next fiscal year as applies to the Central High School principal.

year as applies to the Central High School principal.

A basic salary of \$1,800 per annum and an increase of \$100 a year for five years recommended for the assistant principal who shall be dean of girls at the Central High. A basic salary of \$1,500 for the director of penmanship, with an annual increase of \$100 for five years, is proposed. A salary increase of \$400 for the assistant director of primary instruction, with a proviso that hereafter he shall have a basic salary of \$1,800 and a \$50 per annum increase for five years is recommended. A basic salary of \$1,300 per annum and a \$50 per annum increase for five years is advocatnum increase for five years is advocat-ed for the assistant director of pen-

nanship. Fifteen additional teachers of group class 6, twenty-nine additional of 6 additional of class 1, are provided for in the estimates, which call for a total appropriation for teachers of \$1,488,500.

Increase for Librarians.

An increase of \$9,250 is proposed for librarians and clerks of the various classes in the public school sys-Longevity pay is estimated at

tem. Longevity pay is estimated at \$523,685, an increase of \$48,685, and for allowance to principals, in accordance with existing law, \$38,310 is tailed for. There is an increase of \$8,000 in the estimates for night schools, and an increase of \$1,000 for kindergarten supplies.

Practically no changes are recommended in the appropriations for janitors in care of school buildings, and grounds. A new position, engineer for the Central High School, is proposed, the salary to be \$1,500. With the exception of the addition of a laborer here and there, the Commissioners estimate for the same number of janitors and watchmen at the same salaries as last year. A \$1,000 appropriation is asked for the payment of janitor service on a per diem basis in connection with the use of school buildings for social centers.

A new item of \$9,500 is submitted for matrons in normal and high schools and farger grade buildings, nineteen in all.

Two additional graduate nurses, one additional clerk, and a \$300 per an

Two additional medical inspectors, five additional cierk, and a \$300 per annum allowance for maintenance of a motor vehicle for the medical and sanitary inspector, are the changes in the estimates for the medical branch of the schools.

Repairs and Improvement. The fund for the repairs and im-

directors at \$45 a month each, this change meaning an additional four in personnel and an extension of service from three to ten months. Other new playgrounds items are:

Three swimming teachers at \$40 a month for four menths; for site and construction of one natatorium \$25, 600; for contingent expenses to keep open all equipped playgrounds of the public schools, not otherwise proper all equipped playgrounds of the public schools, not otherwise provided for during the summer months, and for special and temporary services at playgrounds, \$20,000.

The Commissioners also request that thereafter they and the director of playgrounds be authorized to accept the services of such persons as may volunteer to aid in the management and upkeep of playgrounds.

A new public convenience station, in Eighth street northwest, south of Estectrical engineer; a \$200 increase for the electrical inspector; an increase of \$500 is proposed for the electrical engineer; a \$200 increase for one electrical inspector; an increase of \$1,076 for replacing police patrol signal systems in the Third and Tenth precincts and a \$20,000 increase for the electrical lighting of the city, the total of this latter appropriation being \$425,000.

An increase of \$4,000 is sought in the fund for installation of fire alarm

for text books and school supplies for the first eight wrades at appropriation of \$72,000 is sought, this being an increase of \$6,000.

For extending the tiephone system to the additions to various schools recently constructed \$1,400 is requested.

Interchange System The novel suggestion that an interhange system be established for the teachers of the District schools to be operated in conjunction with schools

operated in conjunction with schools of other jurisdictions is contained in the following language:

"The superintendent of schools of the District of Columbia is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Board of Education of said District, to provide for the interchange of efficient teachers with other school systems for periods not exceeding one year in each case: Provided, That not exceeding twenty teachers shall be on interchange service at one time: Provided further, That each teacher so interchanged shall be paid her regular salary by the school system in which she is teaching at the time the interchange is arranged: And provided further, That service of teachers of the public schools of the District of Columbia under this provision shall count as regular service. vision shall count as regular service in the District of Columbia." Three new proposals submitted by the Commissioners are:

For the payment of necessary ex-penses connected with the organi-mation and conducting of commun-ity forums and civic centers, in-cluding payment of janitor service, secretaries, teachers, and organ-izers, and employes of the day schools may also be employes of the community forums and civic cen-ters.

For the purchase of fixtures and supplies for lighting and eavipping

For the purchase of fixtures and supplies for lighting and equipping school buildings used as civic and social centers and for the extension of special activities.

For the purchase of textbooks for use of the pupils of the high schools of the District of Columbia, who at the time are not supplies. schools of the District of Columbia, who at the time are not supplied with the same, to be distributed by the superintendent of schools under regulations to be made by the board of education, and for the necessary expenses of purchase, distribution, and preservation of said books.

For Buildings and Grounds. For buildings and grounds, probtem. the Commissioners subm following recommendation:
For continuing the construction of the new Eastern High School on the new Eastern High School on the set purchased for that purpose. For the completion of the equipment and for furniture and furnishings for the new Central High School building and stadium, and for pecessary modifications and repairs to building in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Engineer Commissioner, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be immediately available.

For the erection of a four-room addition to the Deanwood School, including assembly hall, and for the existing building.

For the purchase of additional ground adjoining the Gage School and for the section of a four-room addition with assembly hall.

For the purchase of additional ground, adjoining the Wheatley School, and for the erection of an eight-room addition with assembly hall.

For the erection of an addition to the Pheps School to find the section of the property of the Purpose of the purchase of the control of the Pheps School to findly the the purpose of the Pur

biy hall.

For the erection of an addition to the Phelps School to include an assembly hall and gymnasium, and for the necessary remodeling for use as a grade manual training sembly hall and gymnasium, and for the necessary remodeling for use as a grade manual training center.

For the erection of an eight-room addition with assembly hall to the J. R. West School.

For the erection of an eight-room addition, with assembly hall, to the Takoma School.

For the purchase of additional ground adjoining the Buchanan School, and for the erection of an eight-room addition, with assembly hall.

hall

For the construction of an addition to the McKinley Manual Training School, to include an assembly hall and gymnasium, and for the remodeling of the present assembly hall into a girls' gymnasium.

For the purchase of additional ground adjoining the H. D. Cooke School

School

For the purchase of additional
ground adjoining the Emery School
That hereafter the Board of Education is authorized to use all necessary floor and room space in the
Franklin School building for office
purposes. The estimates for instruction deaf and dumb persons at the Columbia Institution call for \$15,200, an increase of \$2,000; for maintenance and tuition of colored deaf mutes, \$2,000; for instruction of blind children of the District, \$7,500.

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Increases and changes affecting the Police Department are carried in the estimates as follows:

A salary increase of \$250 for the chief clerk, one additional clerk at \$1,500; increase of \$2,880 in the allowance for additional pay of privates detailed for special service; five additional lieutenants, making eighteen in all; eight additional dergeants, making fifty-four in all; six additional privates of class 3, a decrease of six in the number of privates of class the number of privates of class venty additional privates of six in the numbe

class 1.
Legislation regarding promotions Legislation regarding promotions is proposed in the following language:
All original appointments of privates shall be made to class 1, and promotions shall be made from class 1 to class 2 in order of appointment to the force after three years' service as privates of class 1 and from class 2 to class 3 after two years' service as privates of class 2, in all cases where the conduct and intelligent attention to duty of any private shall where the conduct and intelligent attention to duty of any private shall justify such promotion.

An increase of \$180 each is recommended for six telephone operators of the Police Department. Other changes are two additional janitors at \$600 each; increase of \$120 each for five police matrons; one captain of the traffic branch, at \$2,000; one lieutenant at \$1,600, and three sergeants at \$1,400 each—all new positions.

tions.

An increase of \$5,000 is submitted for the police contingent fund, making a total of \$37,500. Other new items are additional motor vehicles, \$3,250; for suburban station house, between the Ninth and Tenth precincts, \$32,500; repairs in Eeventh and Ninth precinct stations, \$10,000; increase of \$300 each for two drivers at the house of detention and desired. at the house of detention and de-crease of two in the number of driv-ers; one motor station vehicle at the house of detention, \$700; one gaso-lene launch for harbor patrol, \$2,000.

Fire Department. Changes in the Fire Department are

recommended as follows:

Two additional inspectors at \$1,080; one additional clerk, \$1,290; salary increase of \$120 each for thirty-eight captains; increases of \$120 each for forty lieutenants; increases of \$120 each for forty sergeants; increases of \$200 for superintendent of machinery, and an increase of \$120 for the assistant superintendent; increases of \$40 each for twenty-seven assistant engineers and the same increases of \$40 each for twenty-seven assistant engineers and the same increases of \$40 each for 183 privates of class 2 and a decrease in number and change of title of forty privates; increase of \$120 for hostier; increase of \$1200 in the fund for hostier; increase of \$1200 increases \$1200 for hostier; increases \$1200 for hostier; increase of \$1200 in the fund for the purchase of horses is estimated at \$2200 less, and the forage account decreases \$1200 for his being due to the general motorization of the department. recommended as follows:

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New equipment for the Fire Department, to cost approximately \$140,000, is estimated as follows:

For three aerial hook and ladder trucks, motor driven, at \$12,500 00 For two fire engines, motor driven, at 8,500 each.
For two combination chemical and hose wagons, motor driven, at 8,500 each. 17,000 00

For eight fractors, motor driven, at 4,500 each.
For six combination chemical and hose wagons, motor driven, at 15,500 each. For installing steam heat in engine and truck houses (increase of \$3,000)

It is estimated that the policemen's and firemen's relief fund, in accord-ance with the law recently passed, will require an appropriation of no: exceeding \$211,233.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Changes in salary and personnel in the Health Department are recommended as follows: New position, chief of bureau of vital statistics. \$1,800; increase of \$200 for one \$1,200 clerk; one additional clerk at \$900; three additional sanitary inspectors at \$1,200, one additional at \$1,000, and one additional at \$900; one food inspector, new position, \$1,600; three food inspectors, new positions at \$1,400 each; increase of \$300 for assistant chemist; new position, director of bacteriological laboratory, at \$3,000, in lieu of per diem roll, allowance of \$7: new position, seriologist at \$2,500; scientific assistant, new position at \$1,200; increase of \$300 for assistant bacteriologist; additional assistant bacteriologist; \$1,200; one additional messenger, \$600; increase of \$100 for chauffeur, and one additional chauffeur at \$720; assistant poundmaster, new position, \$720; watchman, new position, \$600.

To Safeguard Health. Changes in salary and personnel in

To Safeguard Health. The customary appropriation of \$30,000 is requested to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and in addition \$8,000 is requested to con-struct and equip a stable for the smallpox hospital and \$2,000 for ex-tension of water mains for the hos-

pital.

An allowance of \$1,000, instead of \$500, is asked for the bacteriological laboratory, and \$500 is estimated for a new refrigerating machine, and \$1,200 for apparatus and equipment and supplies incidental to the biological and seriological diagnosis of disease; increase of \$500 is submitted for the chemical laboratory; increase of \$2,000 in fund for the inspection of dairy farms, with a \$220 allowance for expenses of a representative of

estimates for the public school system, the Commissioners submit the following recommendation:

the Health Department at conventions of health officers; increase of following recommendation:

\$4,500 in fund for Garfield and Providence Hospitals; one motor ambulance for the Health Department, \$2,600; \$5,000 for removal of weeds and abatement of nuisances.

An unusual and important recommendation of the Health Department is that it be given \$25,000 to prevent an epidemic of infantile paralysis in the District of Columbia.

An appropriation of \$15,000 is also sought to establish and maintain a dispensary, or dispensaries, for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis or veneral diseases. The item relating to infantile paralysis reads:

Infantile Paralysis.

For the prevention of infantile paralysis, including payments for personal services; hire of horses and vehicles, or of motor vehicles; carfare, hicles, or of motor vehicles; carfare, advertising, rent, printing, and supplies: Provided. That this appropriation shall not be construed to prevent or limit the use of the appropriation for the prevention of communicable diseases or the appropriation for the maintenance of the disinfecting service, for the prevention of infantile paralysis: And provided further, That the commissioners may accept such volunteer services as they deem expedient for the prevention of infantile paralysis (submitted), \$25,000.

COURTS. Comparatively minor changes salaries and personnel recomm under the head of courts, are:

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Stenographer and typewriter, probation system, increase of \$200; increase contingent expenses probation office, \$150; increase of \$250 clerk Juvenile Court; increase \$200, probation officer, same court; regord and intormation clerk, for probation office, 'new position, \$1,200; investigating officer adult cases, \$1,400, and probation officer, adult cases, \$1,200, both new positions; messenger juvenile court, \$600, new position; increase in rent, \$400. rent. \$400.

rent, \$400.
Increase deputy clerk, Police Court, \$200; increase one deputy clerk, \$300; ornamental hardwood benches, police court, \$650; increased compensation of jurors, \$1,000; repairs to Police Court buildings, \$3,000, an increase of \$2,000.
Increase of \$600 each for the five judges of the municipal court are recounted.

SINKING FUND. In the estimates for the sinking fund, the Commissioners propose that any excess District revenues on hand

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For interest and sinking fund on the funded debt, payable one-half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$975.408.

Provided, That any balances of revenue of the District of Columbia remaining to its credit after its share of the appropriations contained herein has been paid, and after its share of any other appropriations to which it

has been paid, and after its share of any other appropriations to which it is required to contribute on account of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1916, and June 30, 1917, has been paid, shall be credited to interest and sink-ing fund for application to the funded debt of the District of Columbia (sub-mitted).

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS. The Commissioners estimate for one additional inspector for the board of charities at \$1,200; increases of \$120 each for three drivers; increases of each for three drivers; increases of \$120 each for three assistant engineers Washington Asylum and jall; increases of \$60 each for three graduate nurses at that institution; one stenographer and typewriter, new position, \$720; increase of \$1,000 in appropriation for pay of pupil nurses; increase of \$120 for laundryman; increase of \$5,000 for repairs to building; increase of \$5,000 for provisions, fuel and supplies at asylum and jail; appropriation of \$7,500 for new building for hospital kitchen, and \$1,500 for kitchen equipment.

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Home for Aged and Infirm: Increase of \$400 for superintendent; increases of \$60 each for two male attendants and two female attendants; new position, foreman of construction, \$720; increase of \$60 for one farmer, and one seamstress; increase of \$120 for one dairyman; new position, night watchman, \$240; increase of \$1,000 for provisions, fuel, forage and various supprisions, fuel, forage and various supprisions, fuel, forage and various for towplies; purchase of power boat for tow-ing scows, \$450; construction of pig-gery, \$500; purchase of two electric generators, \$6,250.

Training School for Girls.

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National Training School for Girls—Increase of \$300 salary of superintendent; increase of \$2,000 in appropriation for provisions, supplies, vehicles, etc.; new item, \$10,000 for an additional-building to be used for administration purposes.

Other charities—Increase of \$5,000 in fund treatment of indigent patients, Columbia Hospital; increase of \$1,000 in contract with Children's Hospital; increase of \$7,000 for free dispensary at Emergency Hospital; increase of \$1,500 in contract with Eastern Dispensary; increase of \$2,000 under contract with Georgetown University Hospital; increase of \$1,000 in contract with the George Washington University Hospital.

The Commissioners also estimate for appropriations of \$19,000 each for the Garfield Memorial Hospital and Providence Hospital, to cover contract for the treatment and care of

Providence Hospital, to cover of tracts for the treatment and care These items have heretofore beer These items have heretofore been carried in the sundry civil bill instead of the District appropriation bill.

Tuberculosis Hospital: Increases of \$60 each for two assistant cooks and two ward maids with recommendation for one additional orderly and one additional ward maid.

Once more the Commissioners ask an appropriation for a municipal hospital, filing the ultimate cost at \$500,000, and estimating for \$150,000 to be used next year.

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Children's Guardians Board of Children's Guardians; In crease of \$500 in administration fund; ncrease of \$600 for agent; increase of

crease of \$500 in administration fund; increase of \$600 for agent; increase of \$200 for one investigating officer and one additional requested at \$1,200 salary basis, and one additional at \$900; one clerk, new position, \$900; one physician, new position, \$1,200; increase of record clerk, \$100; increase, messenger, \$120; increase of \$2,000 in fund for maintenance of feeble-minded children; increase of \$18,500 in fund for board and care of all children committed to guardianship.

Industrial Home for Colored Children: Increase of \$120 for caretaker; increase of \$120 for one farmer; increases of \$120 for one farmer; increases of \$120 for one farmer; increases of \$200 for temporary labor fund; increase of \$2,000 in maintenance and repair fund; for erection of residence for superintendent, \$5,000, new item; erection of barn, \$1,500, new item; erection of cottages, \$30,000.

Industrial Home School: Increase of \$120 for matron; increases of \$30,000.

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Hospital for the Insane; The estimates show a big increase in the appropriation desired for the support of the indigent insane of the District of Columbia, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The Commissioners ask for 344,000, which is an increase of \$50,000.

Cost Going Up.
A footnote estimates that in 1916 the support of an indigent insane person was figured at \$240 a year, whereas for the next fiscal year, the cost will be \$255.50.

Workhouse—Increase of \$1,500 in street.

salary and change of title of the superintendent of workhouse and reformatory; new positism, depity superintendent, \$1,800; increase of \$180 for captain of steamboat; for dairy and forage building, \$4,000; for chapel and amusement hall, \$2,500; increase of \$15,000 in fund for maintenance of institution; increase of \$23,900 in approprlation for completing central power plant and necessary alterations at reformatory.

Militia—An increase of \$11,850 is submitted in the item for camps, and general expenses of the District militia, making a total of \$41,850; increase of \$4,300 rent of armories, storehouses and stables; increase of \$2,400 for lockers and furniture.

Although efforts will still be made in Congress and in the District of Columbia to provide a permanent home for the District militia, the estimates call for authorization for a five-year lease of a suitable building or buildings for the troops. This provision reads:

Text of Provision.

Provided, That the commanding general of the militia of the District of Columbia is authorized to enter nto a contract or contracts for the lease of an armory, stable, drill shed, and warehouse for cavalry, field artillery, signal corps, and hospital corps troops in one building, or separately, for a period not to exceed five years, renewable at the eption of the said commanding general for an additional period of not exceeding five years, at an annual rental not five years, at an annual rental not to exceed \$10,000: Provided further, That the said commanding general may renew for the fiscal year 1918, or any portion thereof, the building known as 230 First street northwest, now occupied as an armory for mounted and other troops, at an annual rental of \$3,900, and the buildings known as 468 to 460 Virginia avenue southwest, used as stables and warehouses, at an annual rental of \$780, paying therefor a rental not in excess of the current rentals (submitted). mitted).

ANACOSTIA RIVER FLATS The commissioners ask for \$300,000 to be expended under direction of the War Department for continuing the War Department for continuing the reclamation and development of Anacostia river and flats from Anacostia bridge northeast to the District line. This sum is \$100,000 in excess of the amount allowed last year.

Accompanying this estimate is a long legislative rider drafted by the commissioners empowering the Secretary of War to take any condemnation preceedings necessary in the reclamation of the flats, to purchase or exchange land, perfect titles, and take other steps necessary in the reclamator of the reclamator of the recessary in the recessary in the reclamator of the recessary in the recessary in the recessary in the recessary in the reclamator of the recessary in th

PARKS. Three parks, to cost more than \$1,200,000, are estimated for, despite the disinclination of Congress to comply with a similar recommendation last year. The Commissioners again recommend the purchase at \$500,000 of the Patterson tract, lying near the grounds of the Columbia Institute for the Deaf. They also urge an outlay of \$625,000 to acquire the Dean tract, in Mt. Pleasant, and \$87,000 for the acquisition of a park in Klingle valley, from Woodley road to the Zoological Park.

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For the condemnation of small park areas the sum of \$25,000 is estimated. WATER DEPARTMENT.

For the operation and maintenance of the Washington squeduct an appropriation of \$155,600 is estimated. this being an increase of \$32,600. An additional sum of \$10,000 is estimated for continuing the linings of the unlined sections of the tunnel of the aqueduct; for completing the pur-chase and installation of water

chase and installation of water meters on Government reservations, \$24,000. It is stipulated that the control of the Washington aqueduct shall remain with the Secretary of War, this being at variance with the previous recommendation of the Commissioners that they be given jurisdiction over the aqueduct.

Salary increases proposed in the water service include: Clerk, \$300; two additional clerks at \$1,000; four additional meter computers at \$1,000; increases of \$100 each for twelve inspectors; increase of \$300 superintendent distribution branch, and similar increase for assistant engineer; increase \$400 master mechanic; increase crease \$400 master mechanic; increase \$100 each two steam engineers and

For Extensions.

It is estimated that a total of \$341,-670 will be required for continuing the extension and maintaining the high service system of water distribuhigh service system of water distribu-tion for the next fiscal year. The total of estimates for the Water De-partment amount to \$683,000.

Legislation that would prevent the "docking" of per diem employes on holidays is recommended by the Com-missioners, who included such a sus-gestion in their estimates a year ago. If enacted, this legislation would

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That all per diem employes and day laborers of the District of Columbia who have been continuously employed for five working days next preceding such days as are legal holidays in the District of Columbia, and whose employment continues through and be yond said legal holidays, may, in the discretion of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, be granted leave of absence with pay for said legal holidays (submitted).

Work On Streets.

An appendix to the District esti mate furnishes the details of the proposed schedule of work on screets and venues, known as the northeast, the northwest, the southeast and south

west schedules. They are:
Northwest section—E street from
Twentieth street to Virginia avenue; Virginia avenue from Elighteenth Virginia avenue from Eighteenth street to E street; Virginia avenue from G street to Twenty-sixth street; Wiltherger street from Sixth, Seventh, S, spd T streets; Bates street from North Capitol to First street; Willard street from Seventeenth street to Eighteenth street; H street from Twenty-third street to Twenty-fourth street; N street from Twenty-fourth street to Twenty-fifth street; Twenty-sixth street from K street to Pennsylvania avenue.

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Northeast section—Eleventh street from I street to Florida avenue; Twelfth street from H street to Plorida avenue; Fourteenth street from Maryland avenue to Florida avenue; Florence street from F street to G street: Pifth street from I street to Florida avenue; I street from Seventh street to Tenth street; Patterson street from North Capitol street to First street; Kent place from Ninth street to Tenth street; Linden street from Twelfth street to Thirteenth street.

Southenst Section.

Southeast section-Potomac avenue from Thirteenth street to Fourteenth street; Thirteenth street from 1) street to Pennsylvania avenue; D street from Ninth street to Twelfth street from Ninth street to Twelfth street; C street (north roadway) from Twelfth street to Thirteenth street; Virginia avenue from Eighth street to Ninth street; Ninth street; Kentucky avenue from B street; Kentucky avenue from B street to South Carolina avenue; Walter place from Twelfth street to Thirteenth street; N street from South Capital street to Second street (east roadway).

Southwest section—School street from Four-and-shalf street to Sixth street; Delaware avenue from Virginia avenue to I street; O street from Four-and-shalf street to Water street; First street from N street to O street. Georgetown section—Twenty-seventh street from P street to Q street.